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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please enter the following amendments:

Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claim 25.

In claim 10, after "Method of preparing the compounds according to claims 1 to 9";

insert--in the alternative--,

In claim 11, after "Method of preparing the compounds according to claims 1 to 8";

insert--in the alternative--,

In claim 19, after "Composition according to claims 12 to 18"; insert--in the

alternative--,

In claim 20, after "Composition according to claims 12 to 19"; insert--in the

alternative--,

In claim 21, after "Composition according to claims 12 to 19"; insert--in the

alternative--,

In claim 24, after "Use of a compound according to one of claims 1 to 9"; insert--in

the alternative--,